

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of adhering a first member to a second member via an intermediate member, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

positioning said first member and said second member relative to each other;

applying a first adhesive to a first surface destined to comprise a first interface between said first member and said intermediate member;

applying a second adhesive to a second surface destined to comprise a second interface between said second member and said intermediate member;

contacting said first member to said intermediate member via said first adhesive to form said first interface;

contacting said second member to said intermediate member via said second adhesive to form said second interface; and

curing said first adhesive and said second adhesive ~~with said intermediate member remaining in a free state~~ such that said intermediate member, but not said first and second members, can move due to shrinkage of at least one of said first adhesive and said second adhesive,

wherein, after curing, said first member and said second member are fixed to said intermediate member and therefore fixed to each other.